

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held July 31, 2006. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Robert Miner, James Sousa, Norman Blank, Christopher Stanley, & Carolyn O'Brien. Also in attendance: Scott Little, Norman Guertin, Anthony Primiano, & Fred Cavallaro. The meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Copies of insurance cards for apparatus distributed.

Chief informed S. Little the boiler inspection at Sta. 5 failed; boiler needs low water shutoff valve and manual reset.

Copy of layout for Crestwood Nursing Home given for Special Hazards.

Chief informed N. Blank that Justin Kmeziak is moving to Florida; need to get his gear back.

CPR instructor cards distributed.

Chief asked S. Little for E-5 patch to send to a woman who collects antique fire trucks. A relative of hers used to be on E-5. S. Little said he would also give her a copy of E-5's history book.

Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion,

seconded by J. Ulmschneider, to accept as submitted. Motion unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

 Kelsey Oliver sent thank you letter for scholarship.

 Letter from Matt Sarasin requesting LOA due to attending medical school. R. Miner made motion, seconded by N. Blank, to approved; approval unanimous.

Old Business:

 Hose Testing – Engs. 2 and 3 still to be done.

 Updated Membership Lists – need as soon as possible.

 Pig Roast – Tentative date Sept. 9; N. Blank to check with V. Calenda. Chief said kindling wood for possible bonfire can be gotten from Warren Chair Works. If there is a bonfire, it can be either in the pit or it must be contained on concrete.

New Business:

 Memo re: fire department members who volunteer with other volunteer departments distributed and discussed. Chief wants this brought up at all company meetings.

 Fire Prevention Week – Chief suggested doing something different this year. He would like to have a drill, combined with Rehoboth and Swansea, drafting and transporting water to properties, which are an extended distance from a hydrant, or where there is no hydrant. This will service as an indicator to members how

quickly water is used up, and how to be prepared. Chief said Board members who go out to the proposed site in advance to pre-plan the incident. J. Sousa said he would like to use property in Touisset if possible. Chief said 2 ½ - 3" hose would be used, instead of 4". R. Miner suggested also conducting an extrication drill, which would be open to the public.

• Wed., Aug. 2nd – Rescue, Hazards, and E-1 need to be at Club House in Touisset at 10:00 a.m.

• Photo ID's – Scheduled for Sept. 12 & 13 from 9:00 – noon, and at 6:30 p.m. at Headquarters.

Training:

• HazMat awareness (4 hours) class scheduled for Wed., Aug. 17th, 6:00-10:00 p.m., at Sta. 5.

• FF II Class – 17 people have signed up.

• August training calendar distributed.

Other:

• Chief said Eng. 2 will not be able to attend muster in Oaklandville; town manager wants fuel use kept as low as possible. R. Miner to let Eng. 2 know of change.

• Chief met with Keven Kelleher re: safety officer's responsibilities. They would like to increase their number to at least 12; possibly have Peter Shaw and Jeff Dallaire. Names for consideration are to be given to Chief. They will conduct their own training; however, proposed dates given to N. Blank to be included in

Training Division calendars.

 Chief stated at today's incident of a vehicle into a building, a department member contacted Ch. 12 and video taped the incident; Chief said he has a problem with this. Chief stated any member filming an incident without approval will be dropped from department.

 Chief said he received the proposed Hazards training schedule just prior to this meeting; he will wait to present it to Board until he has a chance to review it. In the future, he would like to receive such items in advance in order to have time to review.

 Chief gave R. Miner the accountability boards he had requested.

 Eng. 5 clambake scheduled for Sun., Aug. 6th.

 SCBA training for Ladder I scheduled for Aug. 8th at 6:30 p.m. will be open to department; Chief wants at least one assistant chief there.

 Dave Brule and Matt Harris both trained on Ladder I.

 N. Blank said M. Harris left Hazards at a scene; drivers are to stay with apparatus. Chief said members without gear are to stay away from Hazards.

 N. Blank said hand light on Eng. 3 dying; need to be replaced. Chief will order.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Sousa made motion, seconded by C. Stanley, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.